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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND MARRIAGE CASE PRACTICE

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1. ACTING ITALIAN CONSUL INFORMS US THAT WHEN HE ASKED MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT JAN 7 FOR COPY OF AUTHORITATIVE MFA CIRCULAR NOTE FROM MID-1960'S REGULATING DIPLOMATIC TRAVEL, WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE IN HIS FILES, ANSWER WAS THAT HE NEED NOT BOTHER SINCE SOVIETS WOULD SOON BE REISSUING TRAVEL REGULATIONS COVERING DIPLOMATS IN EXTENSO.

2. IN SAME CONVERSATION, SOURCE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY REOPENED GUERRILLA WAR ITALIANS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING INTERMITTENTLY SINCE 1974 ON A CERTAIN SOVIET-ITALIAN MIXED MARRIAGE CASE WHERE SOVIET SPOUSE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED

PERMISSION TO LEAVE, AND WAS TOLD BY CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THAT CASE WOULD BE RESUBMITTED "TO AUTHORITIES" AND THAT HE PERSONALLY CONFIDENT, "IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI

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AGREEMENTS", IT WOULD BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED.

3. COMMENT. INFO IN PARA 1 IS CONSISTANT WITH LOPUSHINSKIY'S PREDICTION THAT SOVIETS IN FACT INTEND TO REVISE (AND PRESUMABLY TO LIBERALIZE) DIPLOMATIC TRAVEL REGULATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. INFO IN PARA 2, WHILE LIMITED TO SINGLE CASE, HINTS THAT SOVIETS MAY WISH TO GO BEYOND REVISING MARRIAGE LAWS FOR PARTY CONGRESS DISPLAY TO IMPROVE ACTUAL PRACTICE ON MARRIAGE CASES. AND AS BOTH LOPUSHINSKIY AND ITALIAN'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT COUNTERPARTY MADE CLEAR, THEY WILL BE MARCHING UNDER THE CSCE BANNER.

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